



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Managing Attorney Eviction Defense Project

- Position:** Managing Attorney of Eviction Defense Project (Full Time)
- Location:** To be determined. Based in any LSNC field office where adequate space is available. LSNC has offices in Auburn, Chico, Eureka, Redding, Sacramento, Ukiah, Vallejo and Woodland.
- Application Deadline:** June 15, 2023
- Start Date:** August 1, 2023
- To Apply:** Send résumé, litigation writing sample, three (3) references with telephone numbers and a cover letter describing your interest in the position and qualifications to:

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Program Description:

Founded in 1956, Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC) provides high quality civil legal assistance to people with low income, older adults and persons with disabilities in more than 23 northern California counties. Funded in part by the federal Legal Services Corporation, LSNC has eight field offices and several special projects, including a pension assistance project and a health insurance counseling and advocacy program for Medicare beneficiaries. The mission of LSNC is “to empower the poor to identify and defeat the causes and effects of poverty within their communities.”

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Responsibilities:

Manage LSNC's program-wide Eviction Defense Project, which provides representation in unlawful detainers and other housing matters in multiple LSNC counties. The Eviction Defense Project seeks to prevent homelessness and displacement of lower income individuals and communities of color through eviction defense and appeals, community education, and impact litigation and advocacy. The Managing Attorney will supervise a group of approximately 5 advocates (which may include staff attorneys, legal graduates, and paralegals) in unlawful detainer and housing cases, and develop advocacy materials and training in these substantive areas. The Eviction Defense Project will provide counsel and advice, brief services, and full representation to tenants facing eviction and may handle related housing matters such as fair housing/discrimination complaints, reasonable accommodations of disabilities, and administrative hearings for Housing Choice Voucher and other subsidized housing tenants.

Duties:

Manage project staff, which includes answering case questions; assisting advocates with developing written skills, such as reviewing court pleadings, briefs and discovery; conducting moot hearings in preparation for court appearances; reviewing cases for appeal and supervising unlawful detainer appeals. The Managing Attorney also maintains their own caseload. Develop community legal education and outreach materials. Participate in executive staff meetings and manager meetings. Perform additional duties as assigned, consistent with qualifications.

Travel within LSNC's service area for visits to field offices, litigation related obligations and court appearances, as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of: Poverty law, housing law (including landlord/tenant, mobile home, fair housing, home ownership, and foreclosure helpful), trial advocacy and civil procedure, management principles, and principles of interpersonal relations.

Skills Required: Excellent oral and written advocacy skills, trial advocacy skills, decision-making, teaching, public relations, interpersonal relations, conflict resolution and the ability to work calmly under pressure.

Experience and Education: California Bar membership. Significant legal practice with low income and under-represented groups. Four (4) years of experience as an attorney with experience in trial and appellate courts.

Salary: \$7,587 (Step 1) to \$10,495 (Step 10) per month, DOE
See LSNC's Policy on Salary Scales and Placement at lsnc.net

Benefits: Legal Services of Northern California offers an excellent fringe benefits plan.

LSNC provides a bilingual bonus for employees who speak a second language, other than English, commonly spoken by clients when the second language is used on the job for which the person is employed.

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